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SUBJECT: MARCH 11TH LUNCH BETWEEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER
ANS SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV

1. FOLLOWING REPORT OF MARCH 11TH LUNCH RECEIVED FROM
FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD BY IB CHANNEL; WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY
BONN IS PROVIDING SEPARATE REPORT RECEIVED FROM FRENCH
EMBASSY BONN.

2. ABRASIMOV SPOKE UP AFTER CORDIAL LUNCH TO UNDERLINE
THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE QA.
HE SUMMARIZED SOVIET POLICY AS FOLLOWS: "ALL THE
PROVISIONS OF THE QA MUST BE RESPECTED IN LETTER AND IN
SPIRIT."

3. IT WAS USELESS, ABRASIMOV CONTINUED, TO SPECULATE ON
THE RIGHTS OF THE THREE POWERS EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BECOME
EVIDENT FOR EVERYONE THAT THE FREE CIRCULATION OF ALLIED
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PATROLS, AND ESPECIALLY AMERICAN PATROLS, IN THE CAPITAL
OF THE GDR REPRESENTED A SURVIVAL OF THE PAST.

4. NEITHER THE SOVIET UNION NOR THE GDR HAD ANY
LEGAL OR TERRITORIAL CLAIM AGAINST THE SENAT OR THE
ALLIES IN WEST BERLIN.

5. THEREFORE, THE ONLY BERLIN PROBLEM WAS TO RESPECT THE QA, MEANING THAT THE THREE ALLIES SHOULD MAKE PREVAIL IN WEST BERLIN AN ORDER CORRESPONDING TO THE QA. ABRASIMOV DEPLORED THAT THIS WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE AND MENTIONED WITHOUT PARTICULAR EMPHASES THE VIOLATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE FRG AND MAYOR SCHUETZ (OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN BY FRG GOVERNMENT MEMBERS, MEETINGS OF LAENDER ORGANS, FEDERAL OFFICES). ABRASIMOV DENOUNCED VEHEMENTLY FRG AND SENAT EFFORTS TO INTERPRET THE QA. HE ADDED IN CRYPTIC MANNER THAT THE AGREEMENT FORSEES THAT ONE OF THE FOUR POWERS, IF IT DESIRES, MAY ASK FOR FOUR POWER CONSULTATIONS. NEITHER SCHMIDT, NOR HONECKER, NOR SCHUETZ HAVE THIS RIGHT. ABRASIMOV THEN REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID AT HIS MARCH 10TH PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER A GREATER BERLIN BUT ONLY THREE SECTORS IN AN OCCUPATION STATUS ON ONE SIDE, AND BERLIN, CAPITAL AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE GDR ON THE OTHER.

6. AMBASSADOR WORMSER REMINDED ABRASIMOV ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE WEST ATTACHED TO THE QA WHICH HAD MADE CSCE POSSIBLE. AS FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD HAD SAID AT BERLIN, THIS AGREEMENT HAD FOR ITS PURPOSE TO RESOLVE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS AND COULD ONLY BE CONCLUDED BECAUSE EACH PARTY HAD RESERVED ITS LEGAL POSITIONS WHICH WERE CONTRADICTORY AND IRRECONCILABLE. THE SOVIET UNION KNEW THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE IDEAS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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ABRASIMOV HAD PRESCRIBED.

7. AMBASSADOR WORMSER CONTINUED THAT THE WEST COULD ONLY REGRET THAT ABRASIMOV HAD FOUND IT DESIRABLE TO STATE A CONFIDENTIAL DIFFERENCE PUBLICLY. WE COULD ONLY CONSIDER AS VERY SERIOUS THE CHALLENGES MADE PUBLICLY BY THE GDR TO THE ALLIED LEGAL POSITIONS. ALL THIS COULD ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF WORSENING THE ATMOSPHERE.

8. IN THE INTERESTS OF DETENTE AND OF THE BERLINERS, WORMSER THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO PUT AN END TO THESE PUBLIC QUARRELS, THAT THE USSR, SHOULD PREVENT THE GDR FROM TAKING TEMPESTUOUS INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO MODIFY THE FACTUAL SITUATION, AND THAT THE SOVIETS ASK THEIR ALLIES TO CEASE FLOODING THE SECRETARIATS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH NOTES INTERPRETING THE QA WHEN THEY HAD NO QUALIFICATION TO DO SO. WORMSER ALSO RAISED MR.

ABRASIMOV'S REMARKS ABOUT ALLIED PATROLS (FRENCH
REPORT DOES NOT TELL US WHAT HE SAID).

9. ABRASIMOV HAD TO LEAVE EARLY AND WORMSER
DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT
HESS' LIVING CONDITIONS. GEORGE

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